GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF OIL BLOCKS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of oil blocks identified in Rajasthan for carrying out exploration activities, especially in Barmer, Jaisalmer and Jalore districts of Rajasthan;

(b) whether the Government have set any time frame for completion of exploration activities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : Since 1991 upto 2002 when the third round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) was announced, the Government has offered 12 exploration blocks in the state of Rajasthan and out of which contracts for 5 blocks have been signed. Out of these 5 blocks, 3 blocks are in Jaisalmer, Barmer and Jalore districts.

(b) & (c) : As per the terms of contract, the exploration work programme for these 5 blocks is generally for a duration of seven years divided into three phases.